

## Items, General and Personal, Of Interest to G. P. O. Workers

Of the number of professional and business men who have graduated from the case and still hold active membership in Columbia Union, none stands higher in the good graces of his fellow-workers and none has more friends in the printing trades of Washington than Dr. De Witt C. Chadwick. Before coming to Washington he had been an active and useful member of "Columbia Typographical Union for several years, serving that organization as secretary for several terms and filling other positions of trust, and he was also honored by that union by being elected a delegate to the Buffalo convention of the I. T. U. in 1887, at which meeting a friendship sprang up between him and several members of Columbia Union in attendance there that was largely responsible in inducing him, shortly thereafter, to accept a position in the G. P. O. and make Washington his home. Taking up the study of medicine, he graduated with honors from Georgetown Medical College, and for more than a dozen years has been one of the most successful of the many hard-working physicians of the Nation's Capital. The same qualities that made him rank as one of the best printers and proof-readers ever in the employ of the government, have made him successful in his chosen profession, and the fact that he still holds active membership in the Typographical Union and contributes his share to its financial burden just the same as when he worked as a printer, is proof positive that he is a thorough believer in trades-unionism.

Charley Leeds, the popular timekeeper of the document section, has taken advantage of the pleasant weather to take several days of recreation, and also to pay a visit to his old home town, Carlisle, Pa., and register for the fall election.

Capt. S. F. McBride, who was for many years foreman of the Interior branch, and who was stricken with paralysis about a year ago, is, however, in a better condition and always pleased to have a visit from his fellow-workers at his home, 9 Seventh street southeast.

Charley Spencer, of the proofroom, spent all of last week at his home in Potomac, Pa.

One especially interesting feature of the bookbinders' smoker at Typographical Temple on Tuesday evening last was the good, sound, straightforward talk given by Emmet L. Adams, of the machinists, and Frank A. Kidd, of the Typographical Union. There are times when it is necessary to talk right out in meeting to members of trade unions, as well as to people in other walks of life, and both the gentlemen mentioned have proved on more than one occasion that they have the courage of their convictions. It does not seem to be a new thing in a while to have the mirror held up before them, and men who have the courage to do that, unpleasant though it may be in many cases, are the men who are the safe to follow. The real problem, in the belief of aviators, lies in the balance of the airplane to maintain its stability after a heavy projectile, large enough to do real damage, is suddenly dropped from the machine. The sudden lightning of the craft, it is believed, will offer serious danger to its equilibrium.

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while in the big city had the aid of his son-in-law, Mr. Dooley, of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, as a guide in viewing the sights.

George F. Bowersman, librarian of the Public Library, during the week sent a communication to each of the employees

of the printing divisions of the G. P. O., calling attention to the printing exhibit of the I. T. U. Correspondence Course at the library and inviting their attendance. There has been hearty response every day and evening since. It consists of 175 mounted designs, showing the progress of the students who have taken the course, and is well worth the careful attention of any one interested in the art of printing. Since this course was inaugurated by the I. T. U. more than 2,500 students from all over the country have been enrolled, and it has met with greater success than its most enthusiastic promoters anticipated.

The termination of the bricklayers' controversy over the work on the G. P. O. garage was not what the open-shop advocates expected, but it was what every union man hoped for and had good reason to believe would be the outcome.

Every entertainer at the bookbinders' smoker was a card-holder in a trades union, and the quality of their work—as vocal, instrumental, and literary—was as good as is witnessed at any amateur performance. Vocalists like Maurice Fitzgerald, Ben Linbeck, and E. A. Lange are hard to excel; the guitar duet by Thompson and Spelling was equally good; and the selections by the Bookbinders' Club were excellently rendered. The recitation by Charles Conner was fully up to his usual standard, and Anglin's monologue—well, the more people see of Anglin the more they wonder why he is wasting his talents plugging away on a linotype.

H. C. Espron, a former G. P. O. binder, now representing a Cleveland Ohio manufacturing company, came all the way from Richmond, Va., to be present at the bookbinders' smoker on Tuesday, and apparently enjoyed it to the limit.

## NEW FACTS ASCERTAINED ABOUT FLYING MACHINE

### Its Importance in Warfare Is Minimized by Military Men.

Having brought the art of flying to its present stage of comparative safety, the army aviators, under direction of Gen. Allen, chief of the Signal Corps, are now going to set about demonstrating how destructive it can be made as an engine of war.

Although in various competitions marksmanship with small plaster balls aimed at an imaginary battle ship has been given some attention, the real problem of utilizing the aeroplane as an offensive engine of war has never been tackled, much less solved. The real problem, in the belief of aviators, lies in the balance of the aeroplane to maintain its stability after a heavy projectile, large enough to do real damage, is suddenly dropped from the machine. The sudden lightning of the craft, it is believed, will offer serious danger to its equilibrium.

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used at College Park can carry from 200 to 500 pounds in addition to the pilot. A Wright biplane carried Lieut. Foulis and one passenger and a complete set of field signal station equipment from Fort McIntosh to Easter Pass, a distance of 10 miles, in a little more than two hours, during the "maneuvers" near San Antonio this summer. The aeroplane specifications for the French army now require that the machine be able to carry 400 pounds. It is granted that the machine could carry this extra weight in high power explosives, and that these projectiles could be dropped from given objects from the machine, provided they were not so heavy that the sudden loss of them would seriously effect the equilibrium of the aeroplane.

Gen. Allen has borne the problem in mind for some time.

"I presented it to Claude Grahame-White when he was over here last," said Gen. Allen yesterday, "and he promised to try it out for me. I believe he has made some experiments in England lately along those lines, but I have not learned what the results were. Grahame-White told me he would not be afraid to drop 150 pounds at one shot from an aeroplane."

"The problem will be the next one taken up by the officers in the aviation school at College Park. They have made wonderful strides in the work this summer and are ready to start the experimentation work now. They will take it up when they return from New York."

"There is no doubt in my mind that the value of the aeroplane as an offensive weapon of war depends largely upon the solution of this question," continued

### HONORED BY PARISHIONERS.



REV. VALENTINE SCHMITT.

As a token of appreciation, Rev. Valentine Schmitt, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, was presented with a purse containing \$40 at a reception tendered him by the parishioners Friday night in the school hall of the parish, in recognition of his twenty-five years' pastorate of the church.

Dr. Boyd presented the purse and delivered a fitting address, praising Father Schmitt for his work accomplished in building up the church and parish school, and paying off the debt incurred. Rev. John J. Dillon, of Baltimore, representing Cardinal Gibbons, complimented Father Schmitt on his work, and declared that the pastor was responsible for the construction of other churches than St. Joseph's.

Gen. Allen. "I do not believe the condition would arise in actual warfare where small, light projectiles of high explosive power can be used to advantage when thrown or dropped from an aeroplane. In such cases, except possibly when passing over a large, open, unobstructed area, it is impossible to drop a bomb from an aeroplane without the aid of a parachute."

"In attacking a fleet of battle ships, the small bomb would have little or no effect on the aim of the thrower. The large projectiles, weighing far more than the average man could easily toss, would be necessary before any impression could be made on the steel decks of a big battle ship, and then they would have to be dropped from such a height that an entire fleet of aeroplanes must needs discharge at one time to do any damage."

The Chief Signal Officer was asked if the value of the aeroplane as a night scout or as an attacking factor would be greatly impaired by expert manipulation of the searchlight or the various types of aeroplane guns now being perfected.

"The searchlight is absolutely valueless, so far as keeping a flying aeroplane in sight, unless it is able to hold the line on the machine from the first. After the machine has been once lost in the darkness it is practically impossible to find it again with the searchlight. And for an expert aviator, it is no great task to run his machine out of range of the light and move so fast that he would be impossible to keep him in view for more than a few seconds at a time."

### Searchlight and Parachute.

"I have talked with Baldwin and other parachute drop men. They all refer me to night performances, when a searchlight is supposed to keep the parachute in sight until it reaches the ground. They say that nine times out of ten, if the searchlight operator once loses the game on the parachute, he is unable to locate it again during the descent."

"One can obtain some appreciation of this by turning the back to an aeroplane during a flight, putting a field glass to the eye, and then turning suddenly and trying to locate the machine in the sky without taking the field glasses down."

"As for the value of the aeroplane guns that have so far been demonstrated, I can see no great danger to the present. It is difficult to see how much more difficult must it be for the man who has to take his aim by gazing down a narrow telescope."

## FRATERNAL SOCIETY NOTES

### ODD FELLOWS' CALENDAR.

**SUBORDINATE LODGES.**  
October 8—Columbus, No. 13; Excelsior, No. 17; Langdon, No. 24; regular business.  
October 10—Washington, No. 4; grand visitation.  
October 11—No. 2, degree work; Amity, No. 2, degree work; Phoenix, No. 2, regular business.  
October 12—Eastern, No. 7, degree work; Harmony, No. 8, degree lecture; Federal City, No. 20, and Friendship, No. 21, regular business.  
October 13—Columbia, No. 16, degree work; Salem, No. 22, regular business.

**ENCAMPMENTS.**  
October 10—Profrat, No. 7, degree work.  
October 11—Columbia, No. 1, degree work.

**REBEKAH DEGREE.**  
October 8—Eastern, No. 8, degree work.

**PATRIARCHAL MILITANT.**  
October 14—Canton Washington, No. 1, social.

Harmony Lodge, No. 8, I. O. O. F., was highly entertained at its meeting, Wednesday night, by Grand Representative W. W. Millan, who delivered a lecture on the second part of the first degree of the ritual of the order. Next Wednesday night Mr. Millan will deliver another lecture on "Lessons from the second degree." The lodge has issued invitations to each of the subordinate lodges for their members to be present at each of Mr. Millan's subsequent lectures.

Eastern Lodge, No. 7, I. O. O. F., commenced its fall work Wednesday night by conferring the initiatory degree, and receiving one application for membership. The lodge has just purchased a large and comfortable hall, and has a large number of members. It is planning to have a degree team equal to any in this jurisdiction. The lodge was agreeably surprised to have in attendance, after a prolonged absence from lodge meetings, Brothers Herbert D. Lawson and J. Harry Reid. Both rendered valuable assistance in conferring the degree. Next Wednesday night the lodge will confer the first degree.

Canton Washington, No. 1, Patriarchal Militant, I. O. O. F., transacted much business of importance at its meeting Tuesday night. There was a large attendance and the committee on assembly dances reported that the first dance to be given on October 13, several applications for membership were received, and the obligation was conferred by Grand Patriarch John A. Pearson.

Grand Master Thomas J. Gates, accompanied by his Grand Lodge officers, will make the first grand visitation of the fall season to Washington Lodge, No. 6, I. O. O. F., Tuesday night. An interesting programme has been arranged for the evening, and it is expected to be a large representation from each of the subordinate lodges of the order in the jurisdiction present on this occasion.

### GOOD TEMPLARS.

The week has been an eventful one for the local branch of the International Order of Good Templars, as the year thus far has been eventful for the order the world over. The National Grand Lodge held its annual session in May, in the Temperance Temple, transformed from a Jewish synagogue by the Scandinavian Grand Lodge in Brooklyn, N. Y., the parent jurisdiction of Good Templars.

The eyes of all Good Templars were then turned upon Maine, anticipating the struggle which has since terminated, sustaining the prohibition placed there by forces led by the Good Templars, Neal Dow.

A measure of interest fell in the issue by that national body was indicated by an appropriation of \$500 in support of the prohibition cause. A few weeks later the International Supreme Lodge, holding its triennial session in Hamburg, Germany, donated \$1,000 to keep the constitution of Maine intact, and when the President of the United States appointed delegates to the congress to meet at the Hague to study and report on the alcoholic problem, he named as first on the list Rev. Edwin C. Dinwiddie, grand chief of the grand lodge in the District of Columbia, and national legislative superintendent, because of his achievements in the field of national temperance legislation. His stenographer and secretary, Miss Laura R. Church, and Mrs. Olive Dinwiddie, went with him to the congress. The Hague, and returned on the same steamer with him, which arrived at New York September 23, the anniversary of Mr. Dinwiddie's birth.

This circle of events naturally had a pleasing interest in the local branch, especially those in Minnehaha Lodge, No. 1, of which the three voyagers are members, and they were given a royal welcome in Pythian Temple Tuesday evening. The distinct feature of this greeting was the presentation to Mr. Dinwiddie of a testimonial with a cash bonus, \$489.50 in crisp bills snugly tucked away in a gem of a purse of special design, donated by a local manufacturer. The presentation was made in a happy address by Mr. Jesse C. Suter, deputy grand chief, which was responded to in as fitting terms as Mr. Dinwiddie could command under the circumstances. The testimonial was devised by Miss Ellen Church, chairman of a self-appointed committee, which included Messrs. J. C. Suter and E. W. Russell.

The unique ceremonial concluded, Mr. A. E. Schoemaker, deputy international chief, sketched the character of the annual temperance gatherings at Purcellville, Va., established by Good Templars; Mrs. Carrie Smith, pianist, entertained with a song; Mrs. L. C. Corby, delegate to the National Grand Lodge, gave a heart-to-heart talk; Lawson, grand vice-templar and chief temple of Loyal Lodge, No. 3, reported the work being done by her lodge, and S. W. Russell related impressions gained on a Scandinavian lodge in Brooklyn, and called attention to the forty-sixth anniversary of Good Templary in the District, which will occur on November 22 next. Announcement was made that at Minnehaha's meeting, Tuesday evening, the 11th instant, the work done at the Hague Congress would be set forth by participants in that international movement in behalf of world-wide sobriety.

Perseverance Lodge, No. 2, held a delightful social session at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson, 1417 L' street, Wednesday evening.

Washington Aerle, No. 125, Fraternal Order of Eagles, heard reports of the committee of the revision of by-laws at its meeting Thursday night at their club home, corner Sixth and E streets northwest.

The by-laws as revised were read for the first time and they will be voted on at the meeting of the aerle October 19. More than thirty applications for membership were received and acted upon.

Washington Aerle is planning to make this the most successful year in its history and committees are already at work preparing interesting programmes to be given during the winter season. The Aerle Council, Knights of Columbus, had a most delightful session, after the last regular meeting, under the direction of the grand knight, C. W. Darr, and there was a large attendance of members. This council is making concrete strides in increasing its membership, and a large number of applications were read at the last meeting.

At St. Paul's Church last Sunday morning at 8 o'clock, a regular mass was celebrated by Rev. Thomas A. Walsh, chaplain of Keane Council for

the repose of the souls of the deceased members of the council.

A large class of candidates was initiated into the first degree at the meeting of Carroll Council, Knights of Columbus, last Tuesday night, under the direction of Grand Knight P. J. Hattigan. Following the degree, an address was delivered to the candidates by the state deputy, followed by a social session.

Washington General Assembly, of the Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus, held a largely attended meeting on Monday night, conducted by F. O. Sheehy. The plans of the assembly for the coming year were outlined, and a number of interesting addresses were delivered. It was voted that all the members of the assembly attend the annual vesper service in full regalia.

Probably one of the best smokers held by Spaulding Council, Knights of Columbus, since its organization, in 1890, was pulled off on Thursday night, after its regular meeting, under the direction of its grand knight, W. C. Normandy. It was a most enjoyable affair, presided over by the lecturer Joseph Fitzgerald, and an energetic committee. The hall was packed with members of the order, and the programme was not concluded until 1 o'clock. The music furnished by the Spaulding Orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Nash. Other musical selections were given by Messrs. Ashley, Callan, Killane, and Hart. Philip Baer, who has just returned from abroad, rendered several selections, which were enthusiastically received. Dennis Connor and Oliver Le Beau gave several character impersonations. Recitations by William Shelby, dancing by William Kane, mandolin selections by Spelling and Thompson, and newspaper cartoons by G. W. Purvis concluded one of the most delightful entertainments held in the hall during recent years.

An interesting meeting of Washington Council, Knights of Columbus, will be held next Tuesday night.

The annual vesper service of the order of Knights of Columbus will be held under the direction of Washington Chapter No. 1, on Sunday night, October 8, at St. Peter's Church, at 8 o'clock. The state chaplain, Rev. P. J. O'Connell, will officiate, assisted by the chaplains of the various councils. Rev. Dr. William J. Kerby, of the Catholic University will preach the sermon, and the music will be by the choir of St. Peter's Church. Fourth degree members in full regalia will act as the guard of honor at the service.

A large attendance of the members of the Knights of Columbus is expected at the laying of the corner stone of the Mary Memorial Hall at the Catholic University, on Thursday, at 4 o'clock.

The presentation of the engraved resolutions of congratulation to be presented to the candidates by the committee of the National Council, Knights of Columbus, together with the celebrated golden rosary, will take place in Baltimore at 10 o'clock of the morning of October 16, and a large number of the members of the order who will be in one meeting in City to take part in the great demonstration in the afternoon, will also attend the reception to his eminence in the morning.

The several commanderies of the United Order of the Golden Cross, which held their meetings during the past week, discussed with interest the circular issued by the grand commander, John H. A. Fowler, October 1, which offers premiums to the various commanderies of the order for the best attendance at the annual meeting of the order in building up the order in general.

St. John's Commandery, United Order of the Golden Cross, held its regular meeting Monday night at Washington Hall, 24 Pennsylvania avenue, southeast. In the absence of Noble Commander J. C. Newman, Vice Grand Commander Mrs. J. C. Cole presided. A committee was appointed to arrange for entertaining the grand officers at the annual visitation, which will take place during November.

Halcyon Commandery, United Order of the Golden Cross, extended a hearty greeting to Grand Commander John H. A. Fowler and Deputy Grand Commander John F. Connor, who have just returned from their vacations spent in Pennsylvania, at their meeting Tuesday night. Past Grand Commander John H. A. Fowler made a short address on his recent trip to the mountains of Virginia. C. H. Miller, keeper of records and seals, notified the members of the order of the circular issued by Grand Commander John H. A. Fowler, and the commandery voted to enter the contest.

Anacostia Commandery, United Order of the Golden Cross, received a visit from the grand commander Wednesday night. There was a good attendance of the members and several visitors were present. Short addresses were made by Grand Commander John H. A. Fowler and Knights H. H. Dony, Putnam, and Smithson. Refreshments were served.

Mount Vernon Commandery, United Order of the Golden Cross, had a large attendance at its meeting Friday night at Pythian Temple. Noble Commander William Munser presided, and all the regular officers were present. The programme of the evening included short talks by several grand officers, musical selections and recitations. The members who refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed, during which reminiscences of vacations of the members were exchanged.

The grand officers and deputies of the United Order of the Golden Cross held a special business meeting Friday night at Pythian Temple to arrange the details for the season's work, including the grand visitations and public installations of officers. The premium circular, issued by the grand commander, was discussed, and a committee was appointed to compose of Mr. L. E. Bailey, Court F. Wood, and George M. Gerhauser. Three judges will award the prizes. Announcement of the grand visitations will be made this week. A committee was appointed to arrange for the annual banquet of the order. Following the business the officers paid a visit to Mount Vernon Commandery.

The grand chancellor, accompanied by the Grand Lodge officers, Knights of Pythias, made the first of the annual visitations to Union Lodge, No. 22, K. of P., Wednesday night. A large delegation from the various lodges, as well as the Uniform Rank were present. The reports of the officers showed the lodge to be in a good condition. Past Chancellor Edgar C. Snyder, of Rathbone Superior Lodge, No. 23, was the speaker of the evening, and was given hearty congratulations by those present following his address. A buffet supper and smoker followed the exercises.

Myrtle Lodge, No. 25, Knights of Pythias, will confer the esquire rank on Tuesday night. All members of the order are invited to be present on that occasion.

Calanthe Lodge, No. 11, Knights of Pythias, has just put out a neat circular announcing the coming visitation

of the Grand Lodge officers to that lodge to-morrow night at Pythian Temple. Judge E. P. Seeds will be the speaker of the evening. An interesting programme has been arranged and all members of the order are cordially invited to be present.

Sarah Franklin Chapter of the D. A. R., at a meeting held at the residence of Mrs. J. E. Mulcare, 159 Rhode Island avenue, elected the following officers unanimously: Mrs. Julia Washington Harbaugh, regent; Mrs. M. A. Winter, vice regent; Mrs. M. E. Alexander, recording secretary; Mrs. Alice Johnson Wolf, corresponding secretary; Mrs. H. E. Hall, treasurer; Mrs. J. E. Mulcare, registrar; Mrs. Julia Bromley Harrison, historian, and Mrs. Alice Slaghter, chaplain.

Golden Rule Lodge, No. 21, I. O. O. F., transacted considerable routine business at its session Tuesday night and received one application for membership by initiation, which was referred to committee for report. Two applications received at a previous meeting for admission were favorably reported upon, and the applicants were duly elected to receive the initiatory degree, which will be conferred next Tuesday night.

Past Grand Robert L. Swink, of Calumet Lodge, No. 32, Binghamton, N. Y., delivered an interesting address, showing the work and growth of the order in that jurisdiction. Brief remarks were made by other visitors, after which there was a rehearsal of the initiatory degree. Past Grand W. W. Lusk, second assistant degree director, announced that the following-named persons would constitute the team for conferring the first degree on October 11. J. A. Quisenberry, noble grand; Joseph Hornstein, vice grand; Joseph Burroughs, past grand; W. B. Berlin, warden; L. S. Kann, conductor; J. C. R. Luedtke, inside guard; J. C. R. Luedtke, outside guard; F. Norway, King Saul; J. H. Crew, Jonathan; W. S. Kiser, Jesse; C. E. Bartlett, David; W. W. Lusk, herald; G. W. Hutchinson, J. H. Smith, Goliath; G. F. Chipman, R. S. N. G.; George Sack, L. S. N. G.; John McCarthy, R. S. V. G.; H. C. R. Bohne, L. S. V. G., and W. J. Rogers, M. Hallback, N. W. Clampt, F. W. Winter, J. S. Allison, and J. W. Lindsay, guards.

### NAME "GRIDIRON" WINS.

William Hildebrand Captures the Family Shoe Store Contest.

The winner of the name contest of the Family Shoe Store was Mr. William Hildebrand, of 1531 Third street northwest, who suggested the name "Gridiron," which will be the name of the new \$3.50 line of men's shoes. Mr. Strasburger, proprietor of the Family Shoe Store, states that there were thousands of names suggested by contestants sending in over a hundred. Mr. Hildebrand was awarded the pair of shoes for his suggestion. The contest created the greatest interest, as shown by the great number sending in names.

### New Army Post Ready.

The new post at Fort Sill, Okla., for the accommodation of a regiment of field artillery, is ready for occupancy, and the remaining of the Fifth Field Artillery, including the headquarters, has been ordered to take station at that post.



AN ANXIOUS MOMENT.  
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## EXCUSE ME!

Drawn by M. Myer



The International Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union has granted a charter to the pressmen on the Isthmus of Panama, following the steps of the I. T. U., which has had a typographical union in that place for some time.

After an absence of sixty days at his former home in Buffalo, N. Y., caused by serious illness, Chris. Auercher returned to his position in the document section on Monday last, and was cordially greeted by the entire force. Though not entirely a well man, and many pounds underweight, he is still the good-natured, companionable associate of yore, and his friends hope to see him fully restored to health.

The spirited campaign for delegates in Columbia Union last year, from indications will be duplicated in the race for the honor of attending the convention at Cleveland. From Fitzwilliam, a pronounced candidate already in the field for the downtown offices, and W. S. Sill, of the keyboard room, and Eugene Andrew, of the linotype force, are two G. P. O. men already entered.

Benjamin Lee Stidham, of the document section, who was married at Louisville, Ky., on Wednesday last to Miss Ada Belle Winrate, of that city, passed through Washington on Friday with his bride en route to Atlantic City, New York, Boston, and other points. On the conclusion of their honeymoon, Mr. and Mrs. Stidham will be at home to their friends at 124 A street southeast.

The elevator jam at the G. P. O. after 2:45 o'clock any morning in the week is bad. When it is taken into consideration that at least 70 per cent of the 4,000 employees must reach the fifth, sixth, and seventh floors, it is easily seen that the elevators, capable of accommodating not more than thirty people each load, will be taxed to the utmost. Many aged and infirm persons are endangering their health by climbing the stairs rather than risk the freight elevators a few minutes each morning existing conditions could be greatly relieved, and it would seem to be a wise and humane thing to do.

Immediately on the adjournment of Congress, as a relaxation from the onerous duties as a proforeader on the night force for a period of eight months, Frederick M. Wernicke departed for a visit to his home in Chicago. He reported for duty Thursday last. He visited Indianapolis, Cincinnati, St. Louis, and other points in the Middle West, and met many former G. P. O. people. He had a most enjoyable experience.

Pressman John A. Cunningham, who recently suffered a slight stroke of paralysis, and who was confined in a local hospital, is again able to be about, and hopes to resume his work in a short time.

Bookbinder Jack Walsh made the trip by water to New York recently, and